

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, October 26, 2000

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. QUINN).

## DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 26, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK QUINN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

## PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

God of faith, be with us at this time with Your presence and Your power. When we are stirred up by the anxiety and cynicism of this age or by the pressures of compromise, when we feel paralyzed by the tensions outside ourselves or confounded by the gaping holes of darkness within, You have told us "Be sober and watchful," sharp, and on alert.

Your holy scriptures have said to us: "Your enemy the devil, like a roaring lion, is seeking someone to devour. Resist him, strong in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same thing you suffer."

Help us, Lord, to be in touch with our common frailty. We know that You care for all of us in this Nation and around the globe, so we cast all our cares upon You, O Lord, for we are Your people, bound to You by covenant, promise and sacrament.

In You we find our way, now and forever. Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker pro tempore's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. WEYGAND) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WEYGAND led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 8, nays 349, not voting 75, as follows:

[Roll No. 553]

### YEAS—8

Farr	McDermott	Spence
Ford	Salmon	Velázquez
Martinez	Shuster	

### NAYS—349

Aderholt	Bass	Bonilla	Calvert	Hayworth	Meek (FL)
Allen	Bentsen	Bonior	Camp	Hefley	Menendez
Andrews	Bereuter	Bono	Canady	Herger	Mica
Armey	Berkley	Borski	Cannon	Hill (IN)	Millender-
Bachus	Berman	Boswell	Capps	Hill (MT)	McDonald
Baird	Berry	Boucher	Capuano	Hilleary	Miller (FL)
Baker	Biggert	Boyd	Cardin	Hilliard	Miller, Gary
Baldwin	Bilirakis	Brady (TX)	Carson	Hinchey	Miller, George
Ballenger	Bishop	Brown (FL)	Castle	Hinojosa	Minge
Barcia	Bliley	Brown (OH)	Chabot	Hobson	Moakley
Barr	Blumenauer	Bryant	Chambliss	Hoeffel	Mollohan
Barrett (NE)	Blunt	Burr	Clayton	Holden	Moore
Barrett (WI)	Boehert	Buyer	Clement	Holt	Moran (KS)
Bartlett	Boehner	Callahan	Clyburn	Hooley	Moran (VA)
			Coble	Horn	Murtha
			Coburn	Hostettler	Myrick
			Combest	Houghton	Napolitano
			Condit	Hoyer	Nethercutt
			Conyers	Hulshof	Ney
			Cook	Hunter	Northup
			Cooksey	Hutchinson	Norwood
			Costello	Hyde	Nussle
			Cox	Inslee	Oberstar
			Cramer	Isakson	Obey
			Cubin	Istook	Oliver
			Cunningham	Jackson (IL)	Ortiz
			Davis (FL)	Jackson-Lee	Ose
			Davis (IL)	(TX)	Oxley
			Davis (VA)	Jenkins	Pallone
			Deal	John	Pascarell
			DeFazio	Johnson (CT)	Pastor
			DeGette	Johnson, E.B.	Paul
			DeLauro	Johnson, Sam	Payne
			DeLay	Jones (NC)	Pease
			DeMint	Kanjorski	Pelosi
			Deutsch	Kaptur	Peterson (MN)
			Diaz-Balart	Kelly	Petri
			Dickey	Kennedy	Phelps
			Dicks	Kildee	Pickett
			Dingell	Kilpatrick	Pitts
			Doggett	King (NY)	Pombo
			Dooley	Kingston	Pomeroy
			Doolittle	Kleczka	Portman
			Dreier	Knollenberg	Price (NC)
			Duncan	Kolbe	Pryce (OH)
			Dunn	Kucinich	Quinn
			Edwards	Kuykendall	Radanovich
			Ehlers	LaFalce	Rahall
			English	LaHood	Ramstad
			Eshoo	Lampson	Rangel
			Etheridge	Lantos	Regula
			Evans	Larson	Reyes
			Everett	Latham	Reynolds
			Ewing	LaTourette	Riley
			Fattah	Leach	Rivers
			Filner	Lee	Rodriguez
			Fletcher	Levin	Roemer
			Foley	Lewis (CA)	Rogan
			Frank (MA)	Lewis (GA)	Rogers
			Frelinghuysen	Lewis (KY)	Rohrabacher
			Frost	Linder	Ros-Lehtinen
			Gallegly	Lipinski	Rothman
			Ganske	LoBlundo	Roukema
			Gejdenson	Lofgren	Roybal-Allard
			Gekas	Lowe	Royce
			Gephardt	Lucas (KY)	Rush
			Gibbons	Lucas (OK)	Ryan (WI)
			Gillmor	Luther	Ryun (KS)
			Gilman	Maloney (CT)	Sabo
			Gonzalez	Maloney (NY)	Sanchez
			Goode	Manzullo	Sandlin
			Goodlatte	Markey	Sawyer
			Gordon	Mascara	Saxton
			Goss	Matsui	Scarborough
			Granger	McCarthy (MO)	Schaffer
			Green (TX)	McCarthy (NY)	Schakowsky
			Green (WI)	McCrery	Scott
			Gutierrez	McGovern	Sensenbrenner
			Gutknecht	McHugh	Serrano
			Hall (TX)	McInnis	Sessions
			Hansen	McIntyre	Shaw
			Hastings (FL)	McKeon	Sherman
			Hastings (WA)	McKinney	Sherwood
			Hayes	McNulty	Shimkus

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Shows	Tanner	Vitter
Simpson	Tauscher	Walden
Sisisky	Tauzin	Walsh
Skeen	Taylor (MS)	Waters
Skelton	Taylor (NC)	Watkins
Smith (MI)	Terry	Watt (NC)
Smith (NJ)	Thomas	Watts (OK)
Smith (TX)	Thompson (CA)	Weldon (FL)
Smith (WA)	Thornberry	Weller
Snyder	Thune	Weygand
Souder	Thurman	Whitfield
Stark	Tiahrt	Wicker
Stearns	Tierney	Wilson
Stenholm	Towns	Wolf
Strickland	Trafigant	Woolsey
Stump	Turner	Wu
Sununu	Udall (NM)	Wynn
Sweeney	Upton	Young (AK)
Tancred	Visclosky	Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—75

Abercrombie	Engel	Nadler
Ackerman	Forbes	Neal
Archer	Fossella	Owens
Baca	Fowler	Packard
Baldacci	Franks (NJ)	Peterson (PA)
Barton	Gilchrest	Pickering
Becerra	Goodling	Porter
Bilbray	Graham	Sanders
Blagojevich	Greenwood	Sanford
Brady (PA)	Hall (OH)	Shadegg
Burton	Hoekstra	Shays
Campbell	Jefferson	Slaughter
Chenoweth-Hage	Jones (OH)	Spratt
Clay	Kasich	Stabenow
Collins	Kind (WI)	Stupak
Coyne	Klink	Talent
Crane	Largent	Thompson (MS)
Crowley	Lazio	Toomey
Cummings	McCollum	Udall (CO)
Danner	McIntosh	Wamp
Delahunt	Meehan	Waxman
Dixon	Meeks (NY)	Weiner
Doyle	Metcalfe	Weldon (PA)
Ehrlich	Mink	Wexler
Emerson	Morella	Wise

□ 1025

Messrs. WELLER, KANJORSKI, HOUGHTON, HERGER, THOMAS, KNOLLENBERG, CANNON, BAIRD, REYNOLDS, MOAKLEY, DEAL of Georgia, MCINNIS, BONILLA and MCINTYRE changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, this morning I was unavoidably detained, and therefore unable to cast my vote on rollcall No. 553, on the Motion to Adjourn. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 553.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendments bill and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3218. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the appearance of Social Security account numbers on or through unopened mailings of checks or other drafts issued on public money in the Treasury.

H. Con. Res. 396. Concurrent resolution celebrating the birth of James Madison and his contribution to the Nation.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the

House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1651) "An Act to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 to extend the period during which reimbursement may be provided to owners of United States fishing vessels for costs incurred when such a vessel is seized and detained by a foreign country, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 783. An act to limit access to body armor by violent felons and to facilitate the donation of Federal surplus body armor to State and local law enforcement agencies.

S. 1898. An act to provide protection against the risks to the public that are inherent in the interstate transportation of violent prisoners.

S. 2508. An act to amend the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 1988 to provide for a final settlement of the claims of the Colorado Ute Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 3137. An act to establish a commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Madison.

S. 3239. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide special immigrant status for certain United States international broadcasting employees.

S. Con. Res. 153. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the parliamentary elections held in Belarus on October 15, 2000, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 2440) "An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airport security."

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-173, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the following appointments to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission:

The Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING); and

Dr. Gabor S. Boritt, of Pennsylvania.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. QUINN). The Chair will entertain 15 one-minutes on each side.

## LET OUR SCHOOLS DECIDE, NOT WASHINGTON

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, this week we will be considering the Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations bill, and inevitably the debate will arise on funding for education.

Yet, this Republican Congress has made the real commitment to educating the children of America. We have increased America's investment

in education by 50 percent since taking control of Congress.

This year alone education funding has increased by \$2 billion. That is 10 percent more than last year. But the dollar figures do not tell the whole story. Our commitment to education lies in the fact that we are committed to supporting our parents, teachers, and local school officials, the people who know our children and what they need.

Mr. Speaker, Federal dollars should go straight to the classroom where they can be used for teachers, books, pencils, or computers, whatever needs are best for the education of our students.

I urge all of my colleagues to support our efforts, and I yield back the "Washington knows best" policy promoted by the Clinton-Gore administration.

## WE MUST ACT TO BRING OUR CHILDREN HOME

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, Nadia Dabbagh was kidnapped in 1993 by her Syrian national father. She was 2 years old. Her mother has not seen her since. A Federal warrant was issued for the arrest of her abductor. Syria even issued a warrant for his arrest.

Her mother, Maureen, went to the Islamic court in Syria in an effort to have her custody rights recognized in Syria. Amazingly, this American Christian woman also won, almost unheard of in Syria.

In the last Congress, Senator CHARLES ROBB sponsored a Senate resolution calling for the return of Nadia. It passed the Senate and has been ignored.

With all of this effort, Nadia is still not home. Maureen has had no contact with her, no photos, nothing. She knows that Nadia is in Saudi Arabia. Even though she is not a Saudi, nor is her father, and even though her mother has custody orders and warrants from both the United States and Syria, she is no closer to bringing her daughter home.

Nadia is now 10 years old. Her father has arranged a marriage to her cousin living in Syria. So even in adulthood she will not have the ability to come home if she so chooses. Nadia must be returned in order to protect her welfare and guarantee her American freedoms throughout her life. It is time now for us to act to bring our children home.

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## RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF ORGAN PROCUREMENT

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)